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SUBJECT: DEPARTMENT PRESS BRIEFING - FEBRUARY 7

1.
FOR YOUR INFORMATION AND GUIDANCE FOLLOWING ARE EXCERPTS
FROM DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN'S PRESS BRIEFING FOR FEBRUARY 7,
1977:

Q. DO YOU HAVE ANY SORT OF -- DO YOU EXPECT TO HAVE A
READOUT ON THE DINITZ MEETING THIS AFTERNOON, AND WHAT
YOU EXPECT THEM TO COVER? AND -- ANYTHING YOU HAVE.

A. I CAN OFFER YOU SOMETHING ON THE MEETING WITH
AMBASSADOR DINITZ AND ALSO WITH THE FIVE AMBASSADORS FROM
OTHER COUNTRIES THAT TOOK PLACE TODAY. THE SECRETARY,
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TODAY, IS SEEING THE AMBASSADORS OF THE COUNTRIES IN
THE MIDDLE EAST WHICH HE WILL BE VISITING NEXT WEEK. IF
YOU WISH, I CAN GIVE YOU THEIR NAMES. IS THAT OF ANY
HELP?

Q. -- NO.

A. ALL RIGHT. WELL IT'S EGYPT, SYRIA, SAUDI ARABIA,
JORDAN, AND LEBANON. AND HE WILL BE SEEING THIS AFTERNOON

AMBASSADOR DINITZ, OF ISRAEL. THE MEETING WITH THE FIVE
AMBASSADORS TOOK PLACE AT 12:00 O'CLOCK. THESE MEETINGS
UNDERLINE THE IMPORTANCE THE SECRETARY ATTRIBUTES TO OUR
DIPLOMACY IN THE MIDDLE EAST, AND THE NEED FOR PROGRESS
TOWARD A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT. THEIR BASIC PURPOSE IS
PREPARATION FOR HIS FORTHCOMING TRIP TO THE MIDDLE EAST
NEXT WEEK.

Q. DONT YOU EXPECT, WITH DINITZ, A DISCUSSION OF THE
SITUATION IN SOUTHERN LEBANON, SPECIFICALLY?

A. I DONT HAVE ANY INDICATION OF WHAT THE SECRETARY WILL
BE DISCUSSING WITH AMBASSADOR DINITZ. I WOULD NOT
WANT TO SPECULATE ON WHAT THEY WILL BE TALKING ABOUT.

Q. A RELATED QUESTION: IN THE ISRAELI PRESS TODAY, APPARENTLY THERE ARE REPORTS THAT THE UNITED STATES HAS BLOCKED THE SALE OF THE KFIR FIGHTERS TO EQUADOR -- IN OTHER WORDS, REFUSAL TO PERMIT THE USE OF THE AMERICAN JET ENGINE IN THAT PLANE TO BE EXPORTED. CAN YOU CONFIRM THAT?

A. WELL, BERNIE, I CAN SAY THAT ISRAEL DID ASK PERMISSION TO SELL A NUMBER OF THESE PLANES WITH AMERICAN-ORIGIN ENGINES, TO EQUADOR--THAT'T THE GENERAL ELECTRIC J-79 ENGINE.
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Q. JAY, WHAT?

A. "J-79" IS THE NOMENCLATURE OF THE ENGINE. WE HAVE DECIDED AGAINST THIS REQUEST. WE, OF COURSE, GAVE IT VERY SERIOUS CONSIDERATION. AFTER STUDY, HOWEVER, WE CONCLUDED THAT APPROVAL OF THIS PARTICULAR SALE WOULD RUN CONTRARY TO OUR OWN POLICY AGAINST THE TRANSFER OF ADVANCED AND SOPHISTICATED AIRCRAFT TO LATIN AMERICA.

THAT IS A LONGSTANDING POLICY, GOING BACK AT LEAST FIFTEEN YEARS, SO I THINK THAT IS AN ANSWER TO YOUR QUESTION.

Q. HOW MANY PLANES ARE INVOLVED?

A. TWENTY-FOUR.

Q. DURING THAT 15 YEARS, SOME LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES-- I'M THINKING OF PERU, AND THERE HAVE BEEN OTHERS -- HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO GET SUCH THINGS FROM THE UNITED

STATES OR COUNTRIES IN WHICH THERE IS A TIE TO THE UNITED STATES, SUCH AS THIS ENGINE, AIRCRAFT ENGINE PROBLEM. --AND HAVE TURNED TO FRANCE OR THE SOVIET UNION FOR PLANES. DOES THAT MEAN THAT THIS GOVERNMENT IS PREPARED TO SEE A COUNTRY LIKE ECUADOR NOW TURN TO SOME ALTERNATE SUPPLIER BECAUSE THEY CAN'T GET IT FROM -- GET AMERICAN EQUIPMENT OR AMERICAN EQUIPMENT IN ANOTHER COUNTRY'S AIRCRAFT? ARE WE PREPARED TO SEE A COUNTRY LIKE ECUADOR NOW TURN TO FRANCE OR THE SOVIET UNION OR SOME ALTERNATE SUPPLIER BECAUSE WE BLOCKED THE SALE OF -- A SALE OF THIS SORT?

A. WELL, AS I HAVE JUST SAID, WE ARE AGAINST ARMS SALES
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THAT WOULD INTRODUCE THAT KIND OF EQUIPMENT INTO LATIN AMERICA. I THINK THAT WOULD ANSWER YOUR QUESTION.

Q. WELL, IN THE PAST WE HAVE NOT SUCCEEDED IN BLOCKING THE TRANSFER OF SUCH WEAPONS TO LATIN AMERICA, THOUGH. SO THE QUESTION IS WHETHER THE WHOLE POLICY HAS BEEN THOUGHT OUT BY THE NEW ADMINISTRATION, WHETHER IT SHOULD GO AHEAD AND RESTRICT SOME KINDS OF WEAPONS WHICH HAVE AN AMERICAN CONTROL, AND SEE AN ALTERNATIVE BROUGHT IN.

A. INsofar as we are able to influence the situation, it is our policy to do what we can to restrict the introduction of such weapons into Latin America. Obviously, we can't influence completely, but it is our long-standing policy to try, and in answer to your question, yes, a lot of thought has been given to it -- specifically, to this sale.

Q. HAVE WE DISCUSSED THIS WITH THE ECUADORIAN GOVERNMENT?

A. I AM NOT INFORMED OF DISCUSSIONS WITH THE ECUADORIANS ON THE SUBJECT. I DON'T KNOW.

Q. ARE THESE PLANES MORE SOPHISTICATED THAN THE F-5E'S WHICH MOST OF ECUADOR'S NEIGHBORS HAVE PURCHASED FROM THE UNITED STATES?

A. I DON'T HAVE THE COMPARATIVE PERFORMANCE STATISTICS OF THE KFIR FIGHTER AND THE F-5.

Q. DO YOU KNOW IF ECUADOR TRIED TO BUY ANY AMERICAN PLANES AND WAS TURNED DOWN?

A. I DON'T KNOW.

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Q. ISN'T NORTHROP TRYING TO SELL F-5'S TO ECUADOR?

A. I DON'T KNOW.

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A. I DON'T KNOW.

Q. IS YOUR DECISION TO "TURN DOWN" LIMITED TO THE GEOGRAPHIC AREA THAT YOU DISCUSSED OR IS THIS TO BE CONSIDERED TO PRECLUDE ISRAELI'S SALE OF THE KFIR TO OTHER PARTS OF THE WORLD, TO NATIONS OUTSIDE OF LATIN AMERICA?

A. EVERY SALE IS CONSIDERED ON A CASE-BY-CASE BASIS; IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAW, A REQUEST MUST BE SUBMITTED FOR CLEARANCE BY THE UNITED STATES IF A MAJOR AMERICAN PART IS USED -- IN THIS CASE IT IS THE ENGINE -- AND WE INTEND TO JUDGE, AND WE MUST JUDGE, EACH REQUEST ON ITS OWN MERITS. BUT I THINK MY GENERAL STATEMENT WITH REGARD TO OUR POLICY ON INTRODUCTION OF THIS KIND OF TECHNOLOGY INTO LATIN AMERICA WOULD, IN A SENSE, ANSWER YOUR QUESTION.

Q. A RELATED QUESTION AGAIN ON ISRAEL. THERE ARE A VARIETY OF REPORTS RELATING TO THE SALE OR TO THE TRANSFER OF THE ITEMS OF EQUIPMENT WHICH WERE AGREED TO BY PRESIDENT FORD AT THE END OF HIS ADMINISTRATION, TO ISRAEL. SOME REPORTS HAVE SAID THE STATE DEPARTMENT WAS OBJECTING TO IT. SOME SAID A GROUP OF STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS WERE OBJECTING TO IT, AND THE MOST RECENT I SEE IS THAT THE STATE DEPARTMENT HAS TOLD ISRAEL IT WILL GET EVERYTHING IT WAS PROMISED. CAN YOU SHED ANY LIGHT ON THESE?

A. I COULD OFFER A GENERAL COMMENT ON THE STATE OF PLAY. UNCLASSIFIED

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LAST WEEK, AS I THINK WE NOTED AT THIS BRIEFING, THE LETTERS OF OFFER FOR FOUR SPECIFIC CASES-- TANKS, ARTILLERY, FLIR EQUIPMENT -- AND CBU'S ARE IN THE DEPARTMENT AT THE MOMENT, AND THEY ARE UNDER CONSIDERATION. THE PROCESS OF CONSIDERATION IS NOT YET CONCLUDED. WE SHALL BE IN TOUCH WITH CONGRESS, AS PART OF THIS PROCESS, AND I THINK UNTIL IT IS CONCLUDED, I CANNOT OFFER YOU ANYTHING MORE IN RESPONSE TO THE OTHER ASPECTS OF YOUR QUESTION.

Q. ARE THOSE SALES NOW BEING REVIEWED IN THE INTER-AGENCY COMMITTEE OR BEING REVIEWED IN THE STATE DEPARTMENT?

A. YOU KNOW, I CAN'T GET INTO THE MECHANICS OF HOW THIS REVIEW IS TAKING PLACE.

Q. WELL, THE MECHANICS OF THE REVIEW ARE PUBLIC RECORD.

A. THEN, I SHOULD SAY, I DON'T KNOW WHAT COMMITTEES OR WHAT OFFICES, BEYOND THE VERY OBVIOUS OFFICES IN THIS DEPARTMENT THAT CONSIDER SUCH THINGS, ARE INVOLVED WITH THESE LETTERS OF OFFER.

Q. CAN YOU TELL US WHETHER OR NOT THE PENTAGON CLEARED THE FOUR CATEGORIES FOR ISRAEL THAT PRESIDENT FORD PROMISED ON OCTOBER 8TH?

A. THE LETTERS OF OFFER ARE HERE FROM THE PENTAGON.

Q. DOES THAT SIGNIFY THE PENTAGON HAS CLEARED ALL FOUR ITEMS?

A. I DON'T KNOW WHETHER IT IS AS SIMPLE AS GETTING CLEARANCE, BECAUSE IT TAKES A LONG TIME TO GO THROUGH THE PROCESS IN THE PENTAGON AS WELL AS HERE. I DON'T KNOW HOW TO ANSWER THE QUESTION OF CLEARANCE, HOW YOU WOULD UNCLASSIFIED

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DEFINE IT.

Q. WELL, IF PENTAGON APPROVED THE SALE.

A. I DON'T KNOW WHAT COMMENTS THE PENTAGON MAY HAVE PUT ON THE PAPERWORK WITH REGARD TO THESE FOUR SALES.

Q. WHAT I'M TRYING TO GET AT IS, WHO IS OBJECTING OR WHO IS INSISTING ON THESE REVIEWS WHICH ARE NOW IN THE FOURTH MONTH?

A. WELL, THE PROCESS, AS I HAVE SAID BEFORE, IS UNDER WAY. OUR PART OF IT IS NOW IN PROGRESS HERE AS WE CONSIDER THESE FOUR CASES. NOW, WHAT THE CONSIDERATIONS ARE, WHAT THE ARGUMENTS MAY BE IN THE CASE, I AM NOT PREPARED TO DISCUSS, OR TO GIVE YOU ANY IDEA OF WHO HAS CLEARED OFF OR WHO HAS NOT, OR OFFERED COMMENTS. I AM NOT ABLE TO PROVIDE THAT FOR YOU.

Q. THEN, YOU CAN'T ANSWER THE QUESTION WHICH I AM ABOUT TO ASK AS TO WHETHER OR NOT THE REVIEW IS CONCERNED WITH

THE BALANCE OF POWER IN THE MIDDLE EAST OR WHETHER THIS IS A PSYCHOLOGICAL EFFORT ON THE PART OF THE UNITED STATES, IN TERMS OF THE POLITICAL PROCESS IN THE MIDDLE EAST?

A. I THINK THERE ARE A GREAT MANY CONSIDERATIONS INVOLVED IN SOMETHING AS COMPLICATED, BOTH POLITICALLY AND TECHNICALLY, AS THESE FOUR DEALS.

Q. AND THEN, IS IT FAIR TO SAY THAT THE REVIEW WILL NOT BE COMPLETED BEFORE SECRETARY VANCE GOES TO THE MIDDLE EAST?

A. I HAVE NO IDEA WHEN THE REVIEW IS GOING TO BE COMPLETED.
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Q. IT IS ONLY A WEEK AWAY, NOW.

A. I HAVE NO INDICATION ON TIMING.

Q. DO YOU KNOW WHO ORDERED THE REVIEW?

A. I THINK THE PRESIDENT HAS MADE VERY PLAIN, AS HAS THE SECRETARY IN SEVERAL PUBLIC STATEMENTS, THAT THE WHOLE QUESTION OF ARMS SALES IS OF HIGH PRIORITY IN THIS ADMINISTRATION, AND THAT A GOOD, HARD LOOK WILL BE TAKEN REGARDING ONGOING AND ANY FUTURE SALES. I THINK THE PRESIDENT HAD A GOOD BIT TO SAY ABOUT THAT, AS DID THE SECRETARY IN HIS TESTIMONY AT HIS CONFIRMATION HEARINGS. I WOULD JUST QUOTE YOU WHAT THE SECRETARY SAID ON THE GENERAL PHILOSOPHY OF HOW WE LOOK AT ARMS SALES.

Q. IS IT AS A MATTER OF MECHANICS, WITH THE NEW ADMINISTRATION REVIEWING ALL OF THE COMMITMENTS, THEN, THAT WERE MADE BY THE PREVIOUS ADMINISTRATION IN THIS AREA?

A. THERE IS A GENERAL REVIEW ON THIS SUBJECT. I THINK THE SECRETARY'S TESTIMONY PROBABLY IS THE BEST PLACE TO GO FOR A CONCISE STATEMENT ON OUR VIEW.

Q. I'M NOT SO MUCH CONCERNED WITH THE NEW VIEW NOW AS THE ACTION, WHAT IS ACTUALLY HAPPENING. I MEAN ARE THERE SALES TO OTHER COUNTRIES WHICH ARE UNDERGOING THE SAME KIND OF REVIEW THAT THIS SALE IS UNDERGOING -- THAT YOU KNOW OF?

A. I DON'T KNOW OF ANY SPECIFICALLY, BUT I THINK WE COULD ASSUME THAT ANY CONTEMPLATED SALE IS UNDERGOING A

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CAREFUL SCRUTINY.

Q. DO YOU KNOW OR CAN YOU TELL US WHETHER OR NOT THERE IS ONE ITEM AMONG THESE FOUR THAT IS BEING HELD UP, AS ONE NEWSPAPER INDICATED?

A. I DON'T KNOW. NO IDEA AT ALL.

Q. GOING BACK TO THE SALE TO ECUADOR ---

A. YES.

Q. -- WHAT IS THE VALUE OF THE SALE PRICE OF THESE 24 KFIR PLANES? DO YOU HAVE A FIGURE ON THAT?

A. I DON'T HAVE A FIGURE. THAT IS SOMETHING THAT I THINK

MIGHT BETTER BE ADDRESSED TO THE ISRAELIS -- IT'S THEIR SALE.

Q. THEIR NON-SALE. (LAUGHTER).

Q. CAN YOU TELL US WHEN THIS CASE CAME BEFORE THE STATE DEPARTMENT FOR CLEARANCE, THE ECUADOR CASE?

A. I DON'T KNOW. I DON'T HAVE THAT.

Q. THERE IS A REPORT THAT THE U.S. IS PREPARING TO INCREASE ITS AID TO ISRAEL BEYOND PREVIOUS PLEDGES--I THINK THE FIGURE GOING AROUND IS DOLS 300 MILLION--AND THAT THIS IS SUPPOSED TO BE A SUBJECT OF THE TALKS THIS AFTERNOON WITH MR. DINITZ.

A. I HAVE NOTHING TO GIVE YOU ON THIS SUBJECT. AS YOU KNOW, THE ADMINISTRATION HAS SAID IT WOULD REVIEW THE PREVIOUS ADMINISTRATION'S BUDGET, INCLUDING SECURITY UNCLASSIFIED

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ASSISTANCE TO THE MIDDLE EAST COUNTRIES. OUR REVIEW OF THE MIDDLE EAST PACKAGE IS COMPLETED, AND THE DECISIONS WILL BE SUBMITTED TO CONGRESS. I CANNOT SAY ANYTHING AT THE MOMENT FROM THIS PODIUM BEFORE THE BUDGET GOES UP TO THE HILL.

Q. WHEN YOU WERE TALKING, WHEN YOU SAID "SECURITY ASSISTANCE TO THE MIDDLE EAST COUNTRIES" PLURAL?

A. YES. AND I SAID, OUR REVIEW OF THE MIDDLE EAST PACKAGE IS COMPLETED.

Q. YES, BUT WHAT COUNTRIES ARE GETTING SECURITY ASSISTANCE BESIDES ISRAEL AND, I THINK, JORDAN?

A. I AM REFERRING TO A PACKAGE ON SECURITY ASSISTANCE. I WOULD HAVE TO GET YOU WHAT WAS SUGGESTED IN THE PREVIOUS ADMINISTRATION'S BUDGET TO GIVE YOU ALL THE COUNTRIES INVOLVED.

Q. WILL THE QUESTION OF AID COME UP AT THE DINITZ MEETING THIS AFTERNOON, AS HAS BEEN ASKED? DID YOU ANSWER THAT? I DIDN'T HEAR IT.

A. I WAS ASKED ABOUT THAT, AND I SAID I AM NOT AWARE OF WHAT THE AGENDA WOULD BE, BUT THAT THE MAIN PURPOSE, AS I UNDERSTAND IT, OF THE MEETING IS PREPARATION FOR THE SECRETARY'S MIDDLE EAST TRIP NEXT WEEK.

Q. IN THE DISCUSSION THAT YOU MENTIONED WITH THE FIVE ARAB AMBASSADORS TODAY, HOW LONG DID THAT MEETING LAST?

A. IT STARTED AT NOON, AND WE WENT ON HERE AT 12:30, SO
I REALLY COULD NOT TELL YOU.

Q. NO, IT'S OVER.
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Q. IT IS OVER.

A. IT IS OVER. CAN WE HAVE A REPORT FROM ABC?

Q. NO. (LAUGHTER)

Q. THE AMBASSADORS ACTUALLY WERE THERE, ALL OF THEM?

A. YES, THEY WERE. I THINK THERE IS ONE CHARGE
INVOLVED. IT IS THE CHARGE OF THE EMBASSY OF JORDAN,
PLUS FOUR AMBASSADORS.

Q. DO WE HAVE ANYTHING ON THE REPORTED FAILURE OF
ARAFAT AND KING HUSSEIN TO MEET?

A. I DO NOT HAVE ANYTHING ON THAT.

Q. DO YOU HAVE ANYTHING ON THE CONSIDERATION OF A FRESH
VISA TO THE PALESTINIAN WHO LIED BEFORE TO GET ONE --
SABRI JIRYIS?

A. MR. JIRYIS HAS APPLIED FOR A VISITOR'S VISA TO THE

UNITED STATES. HE APPLIED ON JANUARY 24TH IN PARIS. THE
PURPOSE IS TO ATTEND A CONFERENCE WHICH THE AMERICAN
FRIENDS SERVICE COMMITTEE IS HAVING IN BETHESDA,
FEBRUARY 11 THROUGH 14. THE MATTER OF MR. JIRYIS'
APPLICATION IS CURRENTLY UNDER CONSIDERATION IN THE
DEPARTMENT. NO DECISION HAS BEEN REACHED. THE VISA
ITSELF, OF COURSE, IS ISSUED BY THE IMMIGRATION AND
NATURALIZATION SERVICE, AND COULD BE ISSUED ONLY IF THE
STATE DEPARTMENT MAKES A RECOMMENDATION TO THAT EFFECT,
UNDER PARAGRAPH 212 A28F OF THE INS ACT, EXCUSE ME,
THE IMMIGRATION AND NATIONALITY ACT OF 1953.

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AS I SAY, NO DECISION HAS BEEN REACHED AND IT IS
CURRENTLY UNDER CONSIDERATION.

Q. HE IS CURRENTLY CARRYING A PASSPORT OF WHAT COUNTRY,
DO YOU KNOW?

A. HE IS CARRYING A SUDANESE PASSPORT.

Q. THAT IS WHAT HE HAD BEFORE.

A. THAT IS CORRECT.

Q. DOES HE SAY IN THIS VISA APPLICATION -- CAN YOU GIVE US SOME DETAILS AS TO HOW LONG HE WANT TO STAY HERE?

A. HE WANTS TO STAY FOR THE DURATION OF THE MEETING, WHICH IS THREE DAYS.

Q. DOES HIS APPLICATION INDICATE HIS OCCUPATION?

A. I DO NOT HAVE THAT.

Q. JUST A TECHNICAL QUESTION ON THIS VISA APPLICATION.

A. YES.

Q. DID JIRYIS SEND THIS APPLICATION DIRECTLY TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT FROM PARIS, OR DID HE --

A. NO, IT IS MADE AT THE CONSULAR SECTION AT THE EMBASSY IN PARIS, WHICH FORWARDED IT TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT. THEN THERE IS A REGULAR PROCEDURE PRESCRIBED BY LAW FOR A CONSIDERATION OF WAIVER.

Q. THANK YOU.

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2. THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION WAS POSTED IN THE DEPARTMENT PRESS OFFICE IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS TAKEN AT THE FEBRUARY 4 BRIEFING:

Q. WHERE DOES THE U.S. STAND ON U.N. SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 242 AND ISRAELI BOUNDARIES?

A. THE U.S. CONTINUES TO STAND FOUR-SQUARE BEHIND RESOLUTION 242. WITH RESPECT TO BOUNDARIES, RESOLUTION 242 SETS FORTH THE PRINCIPLES ON WHICH WE BELIEVE THE SETTLEMENT SHOULD BE REACHED THROUGH NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE PARTIES.

Q. ARE ALL LETTERS OF OFFER RELATING TO THE SALE TO ISRAEL OF CUB FRAGMENTATION BOMBS AND THE FLIRS IN THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE?

A. SOME OF THE LETTERS OF OFFER RELATED TO THIS PACKAGE ARE IN THE DEPARTMENT. WE HAVE NO INFORMATION AS TO WHEN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE WILL COMPLETE WORK ON ALL OF

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